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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Covert Actions

1. This is just a reminder of our conversation in which I indicated the Director's desire that covert actions conducted by the Central Intelligence Agency must be fully and totally justified as in the national interest and must be limited to objectives of our national policy.

2. Whenever a plan for covert action is developed or whenever a request for such is received from outside agencies, the first criteria to be satisfied will be as indicated in the foregoing paragraph. If there is any question whatsoever and in any event when the request comes from an outside agency, my approval will be required.

/s/ MSC

Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Acting Director

MSC:blp

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Orig & 1 fwd to Mr. Helms under note from General Carter:

"Dick: This is designed to be helpful in case you get harebrained ideas coming in from the outside -- if it is not helpful, please revise it accordingly and come talk to me." /s/ Pat

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